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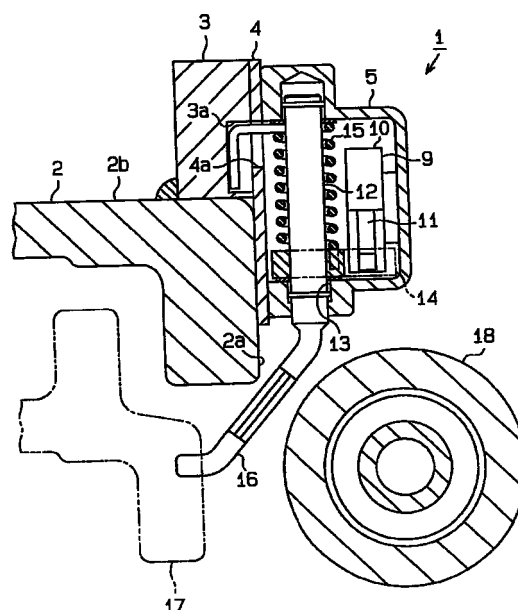
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(54) **Position detecting apparatus for forklifts**

(57) A forklift has an inner mast (17) parallel to an outer mast (2) and a fork vertically movable in accordance with a vertical movement of the inner mast (17). An apparatus (1) for detecting the vertical position of the fork has a lever (16) that is displaced when engaged by the inner mast (17) when the inner mast (17) is located in a predetermined vertical region. The lever (16) intersects the path of the inner mast (17). The apparatus also includes a switch (9) that is actuated by the lever (16).

Fig.1



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